S.No.	State	Request
23.	Uttar Pradesh	Special central assistance to the extent of extra expenditure.
24.	West Bengal	50% of the additional burden of Rs. 2500 crore annually as grant from the Central Government.

Credit to Private Steel producing Companies

*185. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IDBI advanced any credit to the private steel producing companies during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any security was obtained from these companies for advancing the credit?

THE INISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. IDBI has reported that it has sanctioned loans aggregating Rs. 726 crore to six private sector steel producing companies in 1998-99.

(c) IDBI has reported that in line with its policy regarding sanctioning of such loans, appropriate securities are taken which include mortagage and first charge on all fixed assets of a company, and first charge on all present and future movable and immovable assets of the company.

Upgradation of Airports in the North Eastern Region

*186. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task force is looking after the review/upgradation of North-East airports and aircraft; and

(b) if so, the progress/ recommendations made for modernisation of North-East airports/ aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. A Task Force with Secretary, Civil Aviation, as the Chairman and consisting of members from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Home Affairs, Airports Authority of India, Indian Airlines, North East Council and DGCA has been constituted to examine and make recommendations to facilitate improvement in airport infrastructure and airlinks in the North East Region.

(b) The Task Force in its first phase of inspection of the airports in the North East visited Silchar (Assam), Imphal (Manipur), Aizwal (Mizoram), Agartala (Tripura) during January, 1999. The other airports in the North-East will also be visited by the Task Force soon for making consolidated recommendations.

बैंक कर्मियों की हड़ताल के कारण हुआ नुकसान

*187. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 12 जनवरी, 1999 और 25 तथा 26 फरवरी, 1999 को भी देश भर में बैंक कर्मियों ने हड़ताल की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण थे तथा बैंक कर्मियों की मुख्य मांगें क्या थी;

(ग) उनकी मांगों के प्रति सरकार का दृष्टिकोण क्या है; और